



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Director of Health Services

At its meeting held April 20, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

"In January 2003, the Board approved my motion to instruct the Department of Health Services to: 1) report back on ways to enhance educational and outreach efforts to workers in the adult film industry, 2) consult with County Counsel to identify the appropriate regulatory entity to ensure worker protection, and 3) work with the Chief Administrative Officer on any legislative initiatives necessary for regulation. On February 27, 2003, the Department issued a comprehensive report, with recommendations, on the adult film industry. On March 25, 2003, the Board approved my follow up motion to send letters to the Governor and the Director of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA), forwarding the Department's report and requesting Cal/OSHA to take action.

"Since that time, the Department has had several meetings with Cal/OSHA, but Cal/OSHA has not intervened in the adult film industry. Recent news reports indicate that two performers in the adult film industry have tested positive for HIV and many of the producers of films have suspended filming for a month, so that those performers who had contact with the infected performers can be tested. Our Department's Sexually Transmitted Disease Program has worked with the industry and its medical/testing organization.

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“This morning’s news report indicates that Cal/OSHA is now becoming involved. We need to make sure that quick action is taken to prevent further infections.”

John F. Shunhoff, Ph.D, Chief of Operations, Public Health, Department of Health Services, addressed the Board.

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried (Supervisor Yaroslavsky being absent), the Director of Health Services was instructed to work with Cal/OSHA to determine any actions which can be taken, either by Cal/OSHA or by the local health officer, to assure safety in the adult film industry and report back in three weeks.

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